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1. THE ITALIAN MILITARY ATTACHE COLONEL ROERO REPORTS ON GERMAN ORDER OF B.
2. DZHOW

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To the DIRECTOR.

The Italian Military Attaché, Colonel ROERO[1] has reported:

1. According to the Swedish Military Attaché in HUNGARY, Colonel WESTER[11] there are [R% 15] German divisions in that country. In [R% RUMANIA] there are 30 divisions.

2. 16 Panzer Division which was previously in MUNSTER is now in HUNGARY.

17 Panzer Division which was previously in [R% AUGSBURG] is now also in HUNGARY.

44 Division [1 group unrecovered] [R% motor] [1 group unrecovered] has been split up: one part is on the Eastern Front and the other in ITALY.

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3. In ITALY

[B% 15], [B% 24], 24 Panzer Divisions and Panzer Division "HERMANN GÖRING"
 2, [B% 19] and [B% 29] Panzer Grenadier Divisions
 SS Mountain SCHUTZEN[STRELKOVYJ] Divisions[iii] "DER FÜHRER" and
 "STURMRICHSPÜHRER"[v]
 [1 group unrecovered][v] JÄGER Division
 44 Mountain JÄGER Division REICHSGRENADIERE HOCH- UND DEUTSCHMEISTER[vi]
 1 and [1 group unrecovered][vii] Fallschute [Divisions][a]

[51 groups unrecovered]

artillery that 1, [B% 15], 71, [3 groups unrecovered] and 34[5] Divisions
 are in ITALY.

4. The Colonel has reported the same facts about [D% the composition]
 of 16 Army and 18 Army as DZKON[viii] [2 groups unrecovered] facts indicate
 that [C% an offensive has begun]

[1 group unrecovered]
 [29 groups unrecoverable]
 [42 groups unavailable]

No. 281 ✓

ORN[ix]

Note: [a] Inserted by the translator.

Comments: ✓[i] Colonel ROERO: C. ROERO, marchese di CONTANZZ.

✓[ii] Colonel WESTER: Lt. Col. H. WESTER.

✓[iii] SS SCHUTZEN divisions existed but no record has been found of any SS mountain SCHUTZEN divisions.

[iv] Possibly an error for SS Panzer Grenadier Division REICHSPÜHRER SS which was first formed as SS STURMBRIGADE REICHSPÜHRER-SS.

[v] This group stands for an unidentified number i.e. the divisional number.

[vi] 44 Infantry Division - not Mountain JÄGER DIVISION - received in June 1943 the title "REICHSGRENADIERDIVISION HOCH-UND DEUTSCHMEISTER".

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Comments

Cont'd: [vii] Divisional number not recovered but presumably "2" since 1 and 2 Parachute Divisions were the only ones in existence.

[viii] ~~✓~~ DZHOW: i.e. "JOHN"; unidentified covername. Occurs as a source of information in August 1941 and at various dates between January and April 1942. See also STOCKHOLM's Nos. 151 of 22nd January 1942 (3/NBP/T1505) and 714 of 16th April 1942 (3/NBP/T1552).

[ix] ~~✓~~ ORN: i.e. "ORNE"; Possibly Lt. Col. Serafim PINTUGIN, Soviet Assistant Military and Air Attaché in STOCKHOLM

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